

Regular Meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Jenks/JMW Complex for the Performing and Visual Arts Media Center

350 Division Street, Pawtucket RI 02860

Minutes

I Meeting will come to order

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

a Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-here; Ms. Cano-here; Ms. Nordquist-here; Mr. Spooner-thank god Ms. Bonollo is finally here, here; Mr. Araujo-here

Also in attendance were Mrs. Patricia DiCenso, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Lee Rabbitt, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Kathleen Suriani, Assistant Superintendent and Ms. Melissa Devine, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Coughlin and Mr. Tenreiro were not present.

b Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

II Celebration /Recognition

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, recognized the five members who chose not to seek re-election to the School Committee.

Ms. Sandra Cano was first elected to the Pawtucket school Committee in September, 2012 and served a two year term beginning in January, 2013 through January, 2015. In September, 2014, Ms. Cano was elected to serve as a member of the City Council at Large in which she will begin her term in January, 2015.

I would love to see you grow on your own and see your hard work come to fruition.

Mr. Coughlin was first elected to serve on the Pawtucket School Committee in January, 2007 through January, 2015 at which time he will begin in his new elected position as State Representative in District #60 for the City of Pawtucket. Mr. Coughlin served as Chairman from January, 2009 through October, 2009 when he stepped down to serve as the Chair on the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Superintendent Search Committee.

Although Mr. Coughlin is not here this evening, we would like to thank him as well for his service.

Ms. Nicole Nordquist was first elected to serve on the Pawtucket School Committee in January, 2005 through January, 2015. During Ms. Nordquist's tenure, she twice served as the Deputy Chairperson in 2008 and 2012. Ms. Nordquist will continue to serve the children of this state as she pursues her career in secondary education.

I have learned a lot from you Ms. Nordquist and I thank you for your many years of service to this committee.

Mr. Tenreiro recently returned to the Pawtucket School Committee in January, 2011 through January, 2015. Mr. Tenreiro formally served on this committee in January, 1998 through January, 2007. Mr. Tenreiro served as the Deputy Chairman in 2011 and the Chairman in 2012 and 2013. Mr. Tenreiro also served as the Chairman for two consecutive years in 2005 and 2006 in his previous tenure.

Unfortunately, Mr. Tenreiro couldn't be here this evening, however, I would like to thank him for his leadership and professionalism while serving on this committee.

Mr. Spooner also recently returned to the Pawtucket School

Committee in January, 2011 through January, 2015. Mr. Spooner formally serviced on this committee in January, 1998 through January, 2005 having served four consecutive terms as Chairman, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 and once again in 2011. Mr. Spooner also served on this committee from July, 2006 through December, 2006.

I have relied a lot on Mr. Spooner's leadership as the Chair. We share a lot of similar passions including music. I'd like to quote some lyrics from a Bruce Springsteen song;

"Now the world is filled with many wonders under the passing sun and sometimes something comes along and you know it's for sure the only one and when they built you, brother, they broke the mold"

Ms. Nordquist: Good evening. At the end of my first term, my former School Committee Colleague, the late Bill Busald was finishing up his last term on the Pawtucket School Committee and he spoke to the audience about his time on the Committee. After hearing his speech, I knew that although I wasn't sure when my time on the committee would come to end I knew that when it did I would do the same.

There were times during my tenure on the committee where it felt as time stood still, but tonight at my last regularly

scheduled meeting I feel as though I blinked and ten years went by. I feel fortunate to have been able to serve on the committee for a decade and since I was elected at 25 at a young age. The lessons I learned here will most definitely stay with me throughout my life. My decision not to run again was made in large part to a different direction my life has taken. I was inspired to return to college and I have since graduated with a degree in Secondary Education/History and I plan to start taking classes for my Masters in January. I've been told several times that people appreciate my honesty, the fact that I'm a straight shooter and my passion to stand up for what I believe in. I look forward to continue to advocate for students in the classroom and will do so with the same passion.

I was afforded so many opportunities and was able to do some great things during my time here. I am honored to have been the Deputy Chair a couple of times during my tenure. The things I am most proud of include being the School Committee Member that initiated working with former Superintendent, Dr. Hans Dellith and Deputy Superintendent, Ms. Kim Mercer to bring full day kindergarten to the district, being one of the members of the Pawtucket School Committee in 2005 that voted to open the Jacqueline M. Walsh School for Performing and Visual Arts in the Pawtucket Armory and then voted again to move the school to this

location to ensure its continued success; voting on a skateboard park that although has been controversial at times has provide a safe place for the youth of Pawtucket to socialize. I am also proud of my role in bringing in school resource officers into our schools to ensure the safety of our students and of my vote to bring a marine chapter of the JROTC into Tolman this year and hopefully Shea too. I was able to serve on more than one negotiating team with the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance and Pawtucket Administrators Alliance that I'm proud to say resulted in savings for the City we all love when we needed it most. I served on two Superintendent Search Committees and was honored to serve as the Chair of the most recent one that recommended Mrs. DiCenso to be our next Superintendent. The most rewarding of all of my experiences was being in attendance at the numerous school events that highlighted our students' success including honors nights, sporting events, plays, school concerts and performances. I was in attendance at all 26 high school graduations at Tolman, Shea and JMW and was blessed to be able to speak at the Shea and JMW graduation once and the Tolman graduation several times. All of these things along with many other events will forever be moments that I am thankful to have been part of and will always treasure.

There are a few people that I'd like to thank who have been there for

me along the way. First, I would like to thank all of the students of the City of Pawtucket for making my experience on the School Committee well worth the time and effort. You are the reason that I ran for School Committee in the first place and it has been an honor to advocate for your education in my role as a School Committee Member. I would like to thank all of the voters of the City of Pawtucket who supported me over the years. It was your support and votes that gave me the opportunity to serve this great City. I'd like to thank Mayor Grebien and former Mayors Doyle and Metivier for their support as well.

I'd like to thank current President, Ron Beaupre and all of the officers, past and present of the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance who I have had the pleasure to work with over the years. A special thank you to Christina Diprete, the Vice President for Secondary Schools and Christina Keiser, former Vice President for Elementary Schools. These two amazing and strong women supported me through the good times and bad and will be lifelong friends of mine. Thank you to all of the teachers in the City of Pawtucket for your support. We are lucky to have such dedicated professionals in our schools that truly care about giving our students the best education possible.

Thank you to current President of the Local 1352, non-certified union,

**Deb Findlay, and all of the members of Local 1352
for your support over the years. Your work in our schools does not
go unnoticed. Thanks for all you do for our students.**

**Thank you to all of those who work at the School Administration
Building who supported and welcomed me.**

**The budget process is a huge responsibility as a School Committee
Member and I couldn't have gotten through it all
these years without help and support from former Business
Administrator, Tom Conlon, and in the past year, his
successor, Mrs. Melissa Devine. Thank you for your patience and
diligence in answering all of my budget questions.**

**Thank you for our current Superintendent, Patti DiCenso and her
Assistants, Kathy Suriani and Lee Rabbitt for all you do
for our students and for your support. I now all of you truly care
about the children in this district and will continue to
keep Pawtucket moving forward in the direction of becoming not just
the best urban district in the State of Rhode
Island, but the best school district in the State of Rhode Island. I
would be remiss if I didn't thank former Deputy
Superintendent, Kim Mercer for all of the support she gave me over
the years as well as for all she taught me. Also, a**

special thank you to former Superintendent, Hans Dellith, the person who probably had the biggest impact on my life during my time on the committee. He was a mentor, a friend, an inspiration for me to go back to college and most importantly he loved this district and the people who worked here.

Thank you to all of my colleagues I have served with over the last decade, the late Bill Busald, the late Bart Wildenhain, Gordon Gould, John Baster, Jim Chelell, Alan Tenreiro, Ray Spooner, Joanne Bonollo, Amy Zolt, Dave Coughlin, Ray Noonan, Joe Knight, Mike Araujo and Sandra Cano. We've agreed, disagreed and have agreed to disagree, but we all truly know what it's like to be in this position. The job of a school committee member is a thankless one at times but can also be very rewarding. Thank you for being part of my experience and I wish you all the best in the future.

Last and certainly not least I'd like to thank my family for all of their support. I'm lucky to have the family I do. I received lots of support from my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. My sister Sarah and my niece Trinity. I have always received unconditional love and support from my parents, John and Audrey Nordquist who are here today. They were there for me through it all. All of the good moments and then all of the not so good ones where they would listen to me complain for hours after a meeting or for days after an article

that I was misquoted on and was printed in the paper. Thank you Mom and Dad, I love you both very much and your support has meant the world to me.

I wish the incoming School Committee all the best over the next two year term and I hope that no matter what you keep the best interest of our students in mind when making the tough decisions. The best piece of advice I have to offer is to listen and lean then vote your conscience and you can't go wrong.

III Special Reports of Student Representatives

Charles E. Shea High School

Patience: Good evening, in athletics our football team are the Division Champions.

Cheerleading has come back to Shea and we expect great things.

The Glee Club performed at the State House and it was really fun. They will also be performing at the Mayor's inauguration.

Project Respect is a moving event. The theatre class will be performing at Tolman. They received help from the Gamm Theater. Right now the Cheerleading is just for sports.

William E. Tolman High School

David: December is a short month. Students participated in the Winter Wonderland. Fifty pints of blood were donated.

We have a new club-creative writing in addition to the drama club and robotics. Students are contributing pieces to school newspaper “The Paw.” We are fundraising to help the Blackstone Valley Children’s Shelter.

Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts

Kristen: On December 2nd the chorus performed at the State House. On December 3rd there was a recital at the Philharmonic. On December 11th all commended schools are invited to the State House. JMW students performed at the Winter Wonderland. December 15th the JMW students will perform their winter concert at Agnes Little Elementary School. December 19th the JMW dance students will go to see the Nutcracker. On January 5, 2015, the JMW Chorus will perform at the Mayor’s inauguration.

IV Public Participation

Comments from the public are invited at this time. Citizens wishing to speak should sign in with the Committee Chair before speaking. The Committee is precluded from discussing or acting on items raised by Public Comment, which are not already on the agenda. Public comment will be included in the minutes of the

meeting.

None

V Executive Session

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, commented that the Committee would recess to executive session in accordance with provisions under Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5 (a) (3) the matter of security including, but not limited to, the deployment of security personnel or devices of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon the following:

- 1. Emergency Operations Review**
- 2. Seal Executive Session Minutes**

Mr. Spooner moved to recess to executive session. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Ms. Cano-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes;
Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with five members present.

The School Committee Members Elect were also invited into the

executive session.

The School Committee and Member Elect recessed to executive session at 6:41 PM to 7:22 PM.

VI Reconvene to open session

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, reconvened the open session at 7:38 PM.

a. Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-here; Ms. Cano-here; Ms. Nordquist-here; Mr. Spooner-here; Mr. Araujo-here

VII Report out vote(s) of executive session of 12/09/14, if applicable

The Chairman asked the clerk if there were any votes to report out and the clerk reported that the committee voted unanimously to seal the executive session minutes and to adjourn the executive session with five members present.

VIII Approval of previous meeting minutes

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of November 12 and November 20, 2014. Ms. Nordquist seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously with five members present.

IX Action Items

1 Approval of 2015 School Committee Meeting Dates

Mrs. DiCenso: You have before you the 2015 School Committee meeting dates and we are asking for your approval this evening.

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the 2015 School Committee meeting dates. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Ms. Cano-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with five members present.

2 Approval of Revised Job Description and Title—Performance Officer

Mrs. DiCenso: I would hope to change the job title of Ms. Suriani in the roll she plays at Central Administration to Assistant Superintendent School Performance. The former

Superintendent gave titles not familiar in the State of Rhode Island. Ms. Suriani holds the title Superintendent Certification and it is with the same salary.

Ms. Cano moved to approve the revised job description and title Assistant Superintendent School Performance. Mr. Spooner seconded.

Mr. Spooner: Keep up the good work.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Ms. Cano-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with five members present.

3 Approval of Certified Appointments

Mrs. DiCenso: We have two certified appointments before you this evening; School Psychologist Baldwin .3 and Shea .2, Kyle Turcotte and a Physical Education position at Goff, Tina Jancef. This is a one year only. The special education position is vacant this year due to someone who is on leave.

Ms. Nordquist moved to approve the two certified appointments;

School Psychologist Baldwin.3 and Shea .2 and one year only Physical Education at Goff as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Mr. Spooner thanked the Superintendent for getting the School Psychologist position filled.

Voice vote carries unanimously with five members present.

4 Approval of Certified Coaching Appointments

Mrs. DiCenso: I would like to put forward for your approval a coaching position for Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach at Tolman High School, Lisa Greenhalgh.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the coaching appointment as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Nordquist seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

5 Approval of Non Certified Appointment

Mrs. DiCenso: This non certified position before you this evening at Curvin McCabe District Wide as needed. We had to move a classroom from Curtis to Curvin and the classroom may

move again. We are recommending Jill Wild for the Special Education Building Assistant/Instructional Assistant, Personal Care Attendant – Curvin McCabe one year district wide position.

Ms. Nordquist moved to approve the non-certified appointment Special Education Building Assistant/Instructional Assistant, Personal Care Attendant – Curvin McCabe one year district wide position, as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously with five members present.

6 Approval of Request for Proposals

- Maintenance Proposals (10)**

Mrs. DiCenso: We requesting your approval on the maintenance bids before you that were advertised and awarded to the lowest bidder.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the maintenance bids.

Ms. Bonollo withdrew her motion.

Ms. Cano moved to table all maintenance bids. Ms. Nordquist seconded.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Ms. Cano-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes;
Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries unanimously with five members present.

• Commodity Items

Ms. Devine: The School Department went out to bid for commodities and the bids were opened publicly and each item was awarded to the lowest bidder. There are several vendors who bid certain items so the total estimate is \$83,296.70.

W. B. Mason, \$2,421.75

Supreme Industrial, \$382.80

Shur Az, \$26,964.35

Grainger, \$841.25

Casey, \$45,101.00

Banner, \$6,108.0

All American Poly, \$1,477.55

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the Commodity Items as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Devine. Ms. Cano seconded.

Ms. Devine: It's a partial year order for 2014-2015.

Ms. Bonollo: Have you gone green on anything yet?

Ms. Devine: You have to ask Mr. Rebelo.

Mrs. DiCenso: We went green on all our cleaning fluids. By law, there are some products you cannot use in schools. It is happening.

Voice vote carries unanimously with five members present.

- E-Rate Consultant Services**

Mrs. DiCenso turned this agenda item over to Hersh Cristino.

Mr. Cristino: We put out for public RFP the E-rate consultant including wireless and maintenance. We had seven (7) companies submit proposals. I created a rubric in which we evaluated and are recommending you to award to E-Rate Central in the flat fee of \$16,500 yearly.

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the E-Rate Consultant Services to E-Rate Central for a flat fee of \$16,500 yearly as recommended by the Chief Information and Innovation Officer, Hersh

Cristino. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously with five members present.

7 Approval of Budget Transfer Policy 1st Reading

Mrs. DiCenso turned this agenda item over to Ms. Devine.

Ms. Devine: This is brought to you this evening as a recommendation from last year's audit. The auditors found that all budget amendments must be approved by the committee and what they found is that monies were just transferred by line. I checked with my colleagues, well Cranston, and they take the whole budget back to their committee three time a year. I am recommending to put forth the first reading of the budget transfer policy. It's a three tier level that is first approved by myself and the Assistant Business Manager. You know we have an approved purchasing system in which all purchase orders are approved by the Superintendent.

There are some exceptions. Hersh's hardware; we don't know where that is going to be used and the Uniform Charter of Accounts (UCOA) requires us to put it through each building. Exclusions are different from an exception. RIDE decides this process no longer is good and may just be an accounting code. The document will now be placed

in a book or binder.

All principals have been send these documents so they know we have to have a tracking system.

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the first reading of the budget transfer policy as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer, Melissa Devine. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: The worksheet you gave us, how different is it to do above \$2,500?

Ms. Devine: We can add that. The \$7,500 language just put it there, if none, we'll indicate that. \$2,500 -\$7,500 can be sent as communication at the end of the month. The \$7,500 you would like to approve.

Ms. Bonollo: Under the exception, let us know where you proved it.

Mr. Araujo: The monthly City or Vendor report.

Ms. Devine: You would have to have a monthly budget transfer to vote on.

Mr. Spooner moved to amend his motion to include that the budget transfer policy will be updated for the second

reading. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Ms. Cano-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes;
Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries unanimously with five members present.

8 Approval of Microsoft Software Agreement

Mrs. DiCenso turned the agenda item over to Hersh Cristino.

Mr. Cristino: Every three years Microsoft Office comes up for renewal. I don't think in previous years it was brought before the committee. SHI is a new company that handles it for the district.

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the Microsoft Office Three Year Agreement at \$49,721.16 per year. Ms. Cano seconded.

Mr. Spooner: Is that platform for a minimal order to apply?

Mr. Cristino: That really doesn't apply to us.

Ms. Bonollo: Does City Hall apply to that?

Mr. Cristino: No.

Ms. Bonollo: Do you have to change the software?

Mr. Cristino: No. Part of it is to take home to purchase for daily use.

Voice vote carries unanimously with five members present.

9 Approval of Letter to City Council for Lease or Purchase of Space

Mrs. DiCenso: At a Facilities Subcommittee meeting it was brought forward to send a letter to the City Council. We are requesting your approval to send a letter to the City Council.

Ms. Cano moved to approve a letter to the City Council requesting a member to participate in the negotiations to acquire St. Leo's School. Mr. Spooner seconded.

Mr. Araujo turned the Chair over to the Deputy Chair, Ms. Bonollo.

Mr. Araujo: You have a letter to enter into negotiations to purchase St. Leo's School and ask one of them to sit on the subcommittee. It would be advantageous to have when we repair Nathanael Greene and Potter-Burns.

It's not just about that. Our enrollment is going up and to have

another building to alleviate space at other schools. If we move forward, we can move forward to apply for reimbursement.

Ms. Nordquist: Lease to purchase?

Mrs. DiCenso: Yes, lease to purchase.

Mr. Araujo: They have a price in mind to purchase it.

Ms. Nordquist: If we do acquire the building, we can't keep it St. Leo's School.

Mr. Araujo: That is correct.

Mrs. DiCenso: The Diocese has made it very clear that we cannot call it St. Leo's.

Mr. Spooner: If we do this, what are the preliminary figures?

Mr. Araujo: The Ad Hoc Committee came up with three different prices including \$1.3M which includes windows, heat and an elevator with ADA accommodations.

Mrs. DiCenso: One was very basic, the middle one would be most sound.

Ms. Bonollo: For informational purposes didn't we go through this at a previous meeting?

Mrs. DiCenso: It was done by SMMA.

Ms. Bonollo: They said \$1.8M was the most reasonable.

Ms. Cano: Is it 85% reimbursable by RIDE?

Mr. Araujo: It is my understanding it is an application process. They have made it very clear it's a lease to purchase.

Ms. Nordquist: I hope the council member is on this committee.

Ms. Bonollo: John Barry and Dave Moran have been at the Ad Hoc meetings and Dylan. They are taking an active interest in getting it done.

Mr. Araujo took back the Chair from the Deputy Chair.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Ms. Cano-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with five members present.

10 Approval of Salary Adjustment-Technology Department, School Data Specialist

Mrs. DiCenso: The person hired with a non-union position. Mrs. Bonner was promised she would be given an increase and that didn't happen. She is making less than the clerks in the building. Mrs. Bonner also has a bachelor's degree. I am recommending a \$2,500 increase effective July 1, 2014.

Ms. Spooner moved to approve the \$2,500 increase effective July 1, 2014 for the School Data Specialist as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously with five members present.

X Presentation/Discussion Items

1. Facilities Update

Mrs. DiCenso: Mr. Jon Winikur was given the charge to move forward with this bond.

Mr. Winikur: If I could direct your attention to project development. The project timeline coming out of the facilities subcommittee

describing St. Leo's as just described. Given the current status with St. Leo's and RIDE review we now understand that process in the timeline significant cost savings and will have a school at the end of it.

We need to be there doing the work for occupancy. But we need the approval of this committee. Therefore, if the committee and town can reach an agreement to have occupancy by December, 2016, we could start renovations on Potter Burns then Greene would occupy St. Leo's and proceed with their repairs.

The subcommittee will make recommendation with design and to do anything significant this summer. We have four summers to get the work done. If we don't have St. Leo's, we will spend more money on sequencing and the summers would be incredibly intense.

Mrs. DiCenso: We spent nearly \$8M on repairs and technology this summer. You're talking about a short time to get all this work done.

Mr. Winikur: You can bring net cost from \$3M down to hundreds of thousands which is significant. The discussion with the group to retain the same design group, SMMA or go out to bid and consider alternative. If we start immediately, we would need a three to four month time frame to get in place.

The first effort is to prepare an RFP to send to the City, formally

publicize by the end of January for qualifications. Make formal interviews and make recommendation preferably have facilities committee recommend. We think some time by mid-March we will have someone under contract.

Mrs. DiCenso: Jon's purpose was to provide different options.

Ms. Bonollo: How many companies are there out there?

Mr. Winikur: There are plenty. There are twenty we work with.

Ms. Bonollo: Would it be just one design firm or multiple?

Mrs. Winikur: It's good to have consistency.

Ms. Bonollo: Can you tell us what some of the option are?

Mr. Winikur: Yes.

Ms. Cano: Does this process be done entirely for the school committee or does it include the City?

Ms. Devine: I think we need to do collaboration with the City. They have a purchasing department solely dedicated to doing just that.

Ms. Cano: Do you think someone represents from the City or jus the

School Committee?

Mr. Winikur: This is a very long process.

Ms. Bonollo: Communicate to the City that we would like them to be part of it.

Ms. Nordquist: Maybe send this to them that these plans are better for the School Committee.

Mr. Araujo thanked Mr. Winikur.

2. Monthly City Finance Report

Ms. Devine: The City is reporting out for October and you will not see the revised column of the budget. The revenue reported is \$32.4M or 30.29%. \$14.3M in salaries has been spent to date. Expenditures were \$25.9M or 25.29%.

3. Monthly Vendor Expense Report

Ms. Devine: The expenses reported are for November 1 through November 30, 2014. They are not cumulative and they total \$2,656,020.73. This report shows the actual checks cut for the School Department including all sources.

XI Superintendent's Report

Mrs. DiCenso: On December 4th, we were blessed by Hasbro who sponsored a day of joy at each elementary school with Serve Rhode Island. The schools participated in duct tape art. You may have notice it walking in the building this evening. It's beautiful.

Potter Burns being their next door neighbor, the students were able to view the Hasbro site and it was a day of joy.

On December 6th I was blessed to attend a day with Santa sponsored by COZ. Mary Parella and her team did a tremendous job. Student art was displayed beautifully and the students were given breakfast. The line for Santa was tremendous. We had a train engineer dressed up and Mrs. Claus was there also. I stayed for the whole thing.

On the same day our students participated with Robotics teams and Slater came in 3rd place. We're happy to see those programs grow.

Mary Parella does these things for our children and I think we should have a celebration for the COZ team.

I would like to thank the members leaving for giving me the chance at a time that was difficult. We don't just want to be the best urban, but the best in the State. I am truly grateful to the Mayor and City Council.

XII Special Report of School Committee Members

Ms. Bonollo: Merry Christmas. Thanks to Kaydie and the Backpackers. It won't interrupt service for the students. Merry Christmas and Happy holidays.

Ms. Cano: I would like to say I was at the lighting ceremony at Nathanael Greene and the highlight was to see the students singing Christmas Carols. It was a well-attended event. There were hay rides and hot chocolate and the arrival of Santa.

Thank you to the music teacher, Carminda Rocha, she did an amazing job.

I also attended a conference at Rhode Island College. Pawtucket was well represented. Our teacher go above and beyond especially on a Saturday.

I'd like to welcome the new committee members.

Navigant has a tool called "ever five." It is to use for students going on to college.

I would like to thank my colleagues, students, teachers,

administrators and everybody who has played a role in my last two years. I will continue to advocate for students and support in my role.

I will be going strong from now on with collaboration of teachers' alliance, students and City to make Pawtucket the greatest City.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms. Nordquist: I'm guessing we'll have a special meeting. Thank you for the plaque.

Mr. Spooner: I just want everyone to know I've been honored and humbled to sit here for twelve years. I've lived here my whole life and it's been a wonderful experience. Coming back four years ago we were teetering on bankruptcy. The new Mayor took the bull by the horns. I want to thank the teachers who stepped up so we didn't go bankrupt. I'm proud to be from the bucket.

We have a great school system and don't always get the accolades deserved. We have a great non-certified staff and our teachers are stellar.

Thank you to Patti. That committee said you were the right person for the job.

Sandra, good luck on the Council. I expect great things from you.

**Merry Christmas to everyone. A happy and healthy new year to all.
Good night.**

Mr. Araujo: I want to thank each and every one of the outgoing members. I am looking forward to working with Ms. Bonollo and the incoming members.

Congrats to Shea for making it all the way to the Super bowl.

I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season. Be safe.

XIII Adjournment

Mr. Spooner moved to adjourn. Ms. Nordquist seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, adjourned the regular meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Approved by School Committee 1-13-2015